

# July 16, 2017

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*We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hoppers and Lovers. We are One Family in Baptism and the Holy Spirit, nourished with the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ. All are Welcome in this place.*

## **Cycles of Faith—15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Hear then the parable of the sower." With his analogy of the sower and the seed, Jesus gives us four images to help us gauge the depth of our spiritual maturity. What kind of "soil" does our faith exist in? Are we fruitful Christians? Does our seed yield as much as it could?

The first image is of the seed that fell on the path. This describes those who hear about Christianity "without understanding it." Nothing can grow, nothing can blossom at this level. We should ask ourselves if we have taken the time to be sure we understand the faith we practice. Are we stuck at a superficial level, allowing stereotypes, popular opinion, or media distortions to "steal away" the richness of the Catholic faith?

Perhaps we have been properly educated in the teachings of the faith, but our commitment has been fickle. Are we the seed on the rocky ground, that "has no root and lasts only for a time"? Have we experienced difficulties in the practice of our faith that have led us to become indifferent? Have we found it just too troublesome to bring our faith into our everyday lives?

Or have we heard the word, but allowed it to be choked by "worldly anxiety and the lure of riches"? Do we appreciate Christianity but fail to make the sacrifices that it requires? Are we more interested in a comfortable life than anything else? Many of us have sampled these stages at different times. But ultimately, our goal as Christians is to be "the seed sown on rich soil." We are called to be open to hearing the word, to seek to understand it, and to allow it to take firm root in our hearts. When we do this, the seed of our own faith can produce a rich harvest for the world.

Liturgical Publications

### **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sun. July 16 8:00 a.m.** For Barbara Colby requested by her family.

**Sun. July 16 11:00 a.m.** For Linda ten Hope requested by Rosemarie Cartularo and Larry Poitras.

**Sun. July 23 8:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. July 23 11:00 a.m.** For Sylvester Dwyer requested by Catherine Nolan and Family.

**Offertory Last Week: \$3,175.00**

**Maintenance: \$276.00**

**Electronic Giving: \$-0-**

## **Pray for Vocations**

**Schedule of Counters: Monday, July 17, 2017**

Nancy Calcagni  
Marie Cookson

**Schedule of Ministries: July 23, 2017**

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Angelina Seidita Anthony Seidita Mary Tierney
	Lector:	Joanne Duranceau Tom Reilly
	Extraordinary Min.:	
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Kyle and Katie Franko
	Altar Server:	
	Lector:	Charlie Tegatz Betsy Tegatz Jacqueline Jones
	Extraordinary Min.:	

### **Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events**

-7/20 Choir Practice for 8:00 a.m. Mass Choir at 7:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week:** What kind of soil have I been this past week? How can I become better soil this week?

**Father Cray Away:** Father Cray will be away from July 17 to July 28. There will be NO daily mass during this time. Fr. David Theroux will be celebrating the Masses the weekend of July 22 and 23. In case of an emergency, please call Marie at 434-4782 (h), 425-2637 (OLMC) or 482-2290 (St. Jude).

**8:00 a.m. Choir:** The OLMC 8:00 a.m. Choir will be rehearsing on **Thursday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the OLMC church and would love to have anyone wanting to sing to join them. Joining for rehearsal doesn't mean you are committed for every Sunday, but you could sing with them when the "spirit moves"! They would love to welcome new voices into their "choir family".

**Food Shelf:** The Charlotte Food Shelf is in need of **children's snacks** such as puddings, granola bars, string cheese, pretzels, crackers, etc. Also the Food Shelf will be beneficiary of the produce from a garden at the Congregational Church again this summer and **salad dressings** would be so helpful to use on the produce from that. Please drop off at the food shelf or in the vestibule of the church. Thank you.

**Senior Meals:** St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for **July 25 and August 8 and 22 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

**Lectors Needed:** We are in need of more lectors for the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. If you are interested in becoming a lector, please contact Marie at 425-2637 or email at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com). Thank you.

**Bishop's Fund:** Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Bishop's Fund thus far. **To date, we are 106.30% (\$23,469) of our annual goal of \$22,079. Thank you very much!** If you haven't yet made a donation, won't you please do so this week? Thank you.

**Vermont Catholic Magazine:** Please support the Bishop's Fund. By making a donation of \$24 or more, you will receive the quarterly VT Catholic Magazine. Thank you for supporting both the Bishop's Fund and VT Catholic.

**Sermon on the Mount:** Join your fellow parishioners from OLMC and St. Jude's on the top of Mount Philo for the annual celebration of the Feast of the Assumption on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck to follow. There is no cost to you to drive/walk up the mountain—just tell the gate attendant that you are with OLMC. Senior citizens with Green Mountain Passes should show them to the attendant so we are not charged for your entrance. We ask that you try and arrive early (by 5:45 p.m.) and take advantage of the shuttle service to the top (if you don't plan walking to the top) as there is very limited parking available at the top. According to your last name you are asked to bring: **A-E: desserts; F-I: drinks; J-Q: main dish; R-Z side dishes/salads (potato, macaroni, pasta, tossed, etc.) or hor'dourves, chips, dips, veggie trays, etc;** OLMC will supply the paper goods. In the event of rain, the Mass and potluck will be held at OLMC. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Eileen Curtis at 425-4432.

**Adult Confirmation:** Are you an adult who has been baptized and received your First Communion in the Catholic Church but were never confirmed? We will be holding a 7 session preparation class in the fall for all those interested in being confirmed. If you are interested or would like more info, please contact the office at 425-2637 or [carmel@gmavt.net](mailto:carmel@gmavt.net) and we will add you to our list and will notify you as we get closer to the start date.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, July 20 at St. Jude Parish from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Walk in or for an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**Rachel's Vineyard Ministry:** Rachel's Vineyard is a post-abortion spiritual healing ministry sponsored by the Diocese of Burlington. If you or someone you know has had an abortion and is seeking spiritual and emotional support and healing, please consider attending one of the following retreats:

**-Day of Hope:** A one-day retreat, to be held Saturday, October 21.

**-Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:** A weekend retreat on April 6-8, 2018.

For further info, please contact (in confidence) [projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org).

**St. Joseph's Level III Residential Care Home:** St. Joseph's Level III Residential Care Home in Burlington has rooms and suites available. St. Joseph's is operated by VT Catholic Charities and is a small home-like community that provides personal care, medication management, home cooked meals, nursing overview, and a wide array of activities. Their dedicated staff supports the needs of the whole person – physical, emotional, social and spiritual. For more info or to schedule a tour of the home, please call 864-0264.



“*The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.*”

— Mt 13:22-23

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**Rosary:** The Rosary is being said each Saturday at St. Jude's before the 4:30 p.m. Mass beginning at 4:10 p.m.

**St. Jude Raffle:** St. Jude's is having a raffle for a Jay Peak Water Park Family Fun Package valued at \$725.00. The drawing will be Labor Day Weekend. Tickets are \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5. If anyone would like tickets, please contact Marie at 482-2290, 425-2637 or at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com). Thank you.

**Totus Tuus Program:** Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic parish-based summer catechetical program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Sacraments and Eucharistic worship. Programs will be held around the state. In our area they will be held at the following parishes:

**--St. Ambrose in Bristol**

July 16 - 20 for High School Students

July 17 - 21 for Grade School Students

For an application or more information, please visit

[www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org).

**Vatican Online Questionnaire for Young People:** To involve young people in preparations of the Synod of Bishops on youth in 2018, the Vatican has released an online questionnaire to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of 16 to 29 year olds around the world. The questionnaire can be found on the synod's official site: [youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html](http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html) and is open to any young person, regardless of faith or religious belief.

**Travelling This Summer?:** Our expenses don't take a holiday! Please support Our Lady of Mount Carmel during the summer months. Consider enrolling in our Parish automatic monthly offering program. Contact Marie for details.

**SCHIP:** SCHIP (Shelburne, Charlotte, Hinesburg Interfaith Project) located on Rte. 7 in Shelburne, is in need of earrings, both pierced and clip ons. These items can be left in the vestibule of the church or dropped off at SCHIP retail store. Thank you.